Call for increased flow of concessional aid from developed nations

106. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had joined other Third World Countries constituting the group of 24 developing countries who, through a communique, called for an increased flow of concessional aid from the developed nations to support their recently introduced economic programmes at the recent World Bank, IMF annual meetings which began at Washington on September, 20, 1992;

(b) if so, what were the precise demand made through the communique and how far it reflected India's own requirements; and

(c) what was the World Bank, IMF response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) India is a member of the Inter-governmental Group of Twenty-four, which meets to establish the position of developing member countries of the Bretton Woods Institutions, on a broad range of policy matters. The Group held its forty-seventh meeting in Washington DC on September 19, 1992, and reviewed, *inter-alia,* the issue of resource flows to Developing Countries.

(b) They urged the donors and multilateral financial institutions to take all measures to supplement the domestic resources of developing countries to improve their prospects of sustainable development, by streamlining disbursement procedures and increasing the quantum of official development assistance as also the tenth replenishment of International Development Association resources.

(c) These recommendations are incorporated in the annual discussions and no separate responses are received.

Clearance of $2.2 billion loan from IMF

107. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he was successful, during his recent visit to Washington in connection with World Bank — IMF meetings during September, this year, in clearing the deck for another tranche of $2.2 billion standby loan from IMF; and

(b) if so, what terms the tranche was cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Finance Minister in his capacity as Governor in the Board of IMF and World Bank visited Washington during September, 1992 to take part in the meetings of Development Committee of World Bank and Interim Committee of IMF. The release of tranche amounting to SDR 462 million for Stand-by loan is subject to review by IMF Mission which has been completed and the decision if IMF Board is awaited.

(b) The terms and conditions of the Stand-by loan are contained in the letters of Intent from Finance Minister to IMF datd 27th August, 1991 and 2nd June, 1992, which have already been laid on the table of the House.